

My concern reflects the loss of our Christian music station K-LOVE which broadcasts at 89.3 FM here in Hilo, Hawaii. This station which is heard via an FM translator serves our local community in many ways:

- It ministers to local Christians as a body of believers, allowing for a commonality between church denominations here in Hilo and across the nation in communities that K-Love serves.

- The station is used regularly to minister to the teens in many local church groups and as part of the outreach to teens in the community especially those in trouble.

If this station were lost because of the change to the FCC rulings which will give LPFM stations priority over FM translator stations, the negative results to our community would be measurable. Christians who find the music and programming superior to anything local and who depend on the uplifting message as well as families in our community which rely on the positive, encouraging music and wholesome message the station brings to our children would lose.

Our community is currently struggling with an 'ice' epidemic (crystal methamphetamine). Link to story:

<http://starbulletin.com/2003/09/25/news/story7.html>

Law enforcement individuals I am aware of who deal with users of this drug have relied on using K-Love to reach and rehabilitate drug users. The music is non confrontational and available 24/7 to anyone with a radio and an ear to listen.

Please rethink this plan to allow LPFM to take priority over current FM services heard on FM translators. Not understanding the reason but realizing that many will suffer the loss here in the trenches for decisions that may benefit the few up at the pinnacle of bureaucracy; I decided to write to you today.

Mahalo